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Title: Need to issue necessary instructions and guidelines for execution of works under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme

SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA (ARAKU): I would like to draw the kind attention of the august House regarding the need to review the functioning of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in the country. As the House is aware, MGNREGS has been formulated by the Central Government to provide employment to the rural masses to promote infrastructure in the rural areas as well as services related to agriculture and irrigation to the rural community. This scheme operates at the grass root level with village as a unit.

As we all know for the past 5 years, this Scheme has been subject to a lot of criticism due to the non-transparent way of functioning. There is no proper asset-creation under this scheme. The Member of Parliament is appointed as the Chairman of the district level monitoring committee on all rural development schemes and MGNREGS is one such scheme. Though we have been encouraging employment-generation, asset-creation by constructing roads and also silt-clearance of the local lakes, there has still been a lot of discrepancy and the local leaders like the chairperson of district local body are influencing the allocation of works based on personal choices.

I, therefore, request the hon. Minister of Rural Development, through the Chair, to kindly intervene in the matter and issue necessary instructions and guidelines to be followed for a better and effective implementation of the scheme.